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INTEREST

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1. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED TUESDAY THAT ACDA
DIRECTOR WARNKE TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY THAT THERE IS
POSSIBILITY FURTHER DETERIORATION IN U.S.-SOVIET TENSIONS
WILL AFFECT SALT NEGOTIATIONS. WARNKE SAID TWO SUPER-
POWERS "HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS" TOWARD NEW SALT
AGREEMENT DESPITE REPORTS IN WASHINGTON POST LAST FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY THAT PRESIDENT HAD, IN EFFECT, FROZEN SALT

NEGOTIATIONS AND REJECTED MOST RECENT SOVIET OFFER. PRESIDENT CARTER DENIED STORY VEHEMENTLY," UPI POINTED OUT, "AND ON SUNDAY, NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED IT WAS SOVIET PROPOSAL, DEALING WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW NUCLEAR MISSILES, THAT HAD 'BECOME FACTOR IN SLOW-DOWN' OF SALT." UPI SAID HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE CALLED WARNKE TO APPEAR AND EXPLAIN SITUATION. HE GAVE MEMBERS BRIEFING IN CLOSED SESSION, THEN CAME OUT AND TALKED TO REPORTERS JUST BEFORE HE LEFT FOR GENEVA AND MORE MEETINGS WITH RUSSIANS, UPI SAID. "MY INSTRUCTIONS HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN TO PURSUE SALT AGREEMENT AND I'M CONTINUING TO DO SO," WARNKE SAID.

2. UPI QUOTED CHICAGO SUN-TIMES AS SAYING THAT SENATOR HOWARD BAKER SAID CARTER SHOULD SUSPEND SALT NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS SOVIET UNION AGREES TO GET OUT OF AFRICA. UPI SAID BAKER'S SUPPORT "IS CONSIDERED CRUCIAL TO RATIFICATION OF ANY EVENTUAL SALT TREATY. WITHOUT BAKER'S SUPPORT, IT IS DOUBTFUL CARTER COULD ROUND UP ENOUGH GOP VOTES FOR TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR RATIFICATION." UPI SAID BAKER TOLD SUN-TIMES WASHINGTON BUREAU CARTER SHOULD "BLOW WHISTLE" AND "DO SOMETHING TRULY SIGNIFICANT" TO SHOW SOVIETS HE MEANS BUSINESS. BAKER SUGGESTED CARTER TELL KREMLIN CONTINUED ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA WOULD FORCE REVIEW OF ALL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR, INCLUDING SALT TWO. "THEN IF THEY DIDN'T BACK DOWN, I'D RECOMMEND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS," BAKER SAID. UPI UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID SENATOR ROBERT BYRD STRONGLY DISAGREED WITH BAKER'S STAND. "AT MOMENT, PRESIDENT HAS DONE AS MUCH AS HE SHOULD," BYRD SAID IN SEPARATE SUN-TIMES INTERVIEW. "ONE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP THINGS SEPARATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE OUGHT TO KEEP WORKING TOWARD GOOD SALT AGREEMENT."

3. RICHARD BURT OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT SAID YESTERDAY THAT EFFORTS WERE UNDER WAY TO SCHEDULE TALKS SOON BETWEEN VANCE AND GROMYKO TO CONCLUDE NEW SALT AGREEMENT. BURT SAID "IN CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO DISPEL REPORTS THAT U.S. HAD LOST INTEREST IN ACHIEVING AN ACCORD," DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER SAID IT REMAINED FOR MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON TO FIND CONVENIENT TIME FOR MEETING. "WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE NEXT MEETING WITHIN REASONABLE TIME FRAME," CARTER SAID. BURT QUOTED WARNKE AS TELLING REPORTERS "NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON COURSE. I'M TELLING YOU THAT IS CASE." HE SAID WARNKE CONFIRMED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL CALLING FOR BAN ON TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILES UNTIL 1985 WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. WARNKE, BURT ADDED, SAID COUNTERPROPOSAL WAS TO BE FORMULATED TO BREAK DEADLOCK.

4. EDWARD WALSH AND DAVID BRODER OF WASHINGTON POST SAID PRESIDENT'S COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS TOMORROW AT U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, "WHILE REAFFIRMING BASIC THRUST OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOVIET UNION AND PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO SALT NEGOTIATIONS, WILL ALSO DEAL WITH 'CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OF LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS,' ONE AIDE SAID. THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, CHIEFLY STEPPED-UP SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITY IN AFRICA, HAVE RESULTED IN 'SOME NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS' IN U.S. POLICY THAT CARTER WILL BOTH EXPLAIN AND DEFEND, HE SAID. ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID WHITE HOUSE HOPES SPEECH IS NOT INTERPRETED AS SIGNALING FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY OR IS SEEN IN PERSONAL TERMS AS 'VICTORY' FOR EITHER VANCE OR BRZEZINSKI, WHO HAVE BEEN

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CAST IN ROLES OF DOVE AND HAWK RESPECTIVELY IN THIS ADMINISTRATION." BRODER AND WALSH SAID "IN VIEW OF WHITE HOUSE AIDES, PUBLIC WANTS NEW SALT ACCORD TO END ARMS RACE AND FOR ADMINISTRATION TO BE TOUGH IN DEALING WITH RUSSIANS. GIVEN GREATER AMERICAN-SOVIET TENSION, ONE AIDE SAID, THERE IS DANGER THAT PUBLIC OPINION WILL BEGIN TO SOLIDIFY AROUND IDEA THAT HALT TO SALT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SOMEHOW 'PUNISH' SOVIETS. U.S. NEEDS NEW ARMS AGREEMENT AT LEAST AS MUCH AS SOVIET UNION, THIS OFFICIAL SAID. NOTING THAT SOVIETS SPEND ABOUT 13 PERCENT OF THEIR BUDGET ON MILITARY, HE ADDED, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT OUR COUNTRY IS WILLING TO INVEST THAT KIND OF MONEY OVER NEXT TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS TO KEEP UP' SHOULD NEW ROUND IN ARMS RACE FOLLOW SALT BREAKDOWN."

4. NEWSWEEK (JUNE 12) SAID KREMLIN'S MILITARY MUSCLE-BUILDING HAS BEEN "LONG, STEADY PROCESS. BY CIA RECKONING, SOVIETS HAVE DEVOTED 12 TO 13 PERCENT OF THEIR GNP TO MILITARY SPENDING FOR YEARS NOW, COMPARED WITH ONLY FIVE OR SIX PERCENT BY U.S.... PENTAGON SAYS U.S. IS NOW OUT-NUMBERED FIVE TO ONE IN TANKS, FOUR TO ONE IN ARTILLERY PIECES AND THREE TO ONE IN SUBMARINES." VANCE

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